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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Kenji KATO et al. :
Serial No. 09/582,903 :
Filed: July 6, 2000 :
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :
AND METHOD FOR MANU- :
FACTURING SAME : Docket No. S004-4034 (PCT)

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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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On July 28, 2000, the PTO issued a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) ("Notification") advising that the application was filed without a declaration and providing a one-month period in which to submit the declaration and surcharge for late filing thereof.

In response to the PTO Notification, a duly signed declaration is submitted herewith together with a check in the sum of \$130.00 to cover the required surcharge for the late

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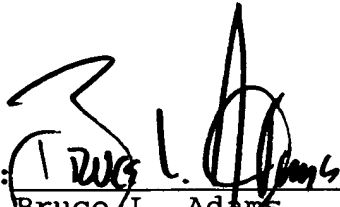
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filing of the declaration. Also submitted is a copy of the PTO Notification. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such deficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

It is respectfully requested that the processing of the application be completed, and that the filing receipt be issued in due course.

Respectfully submitted,

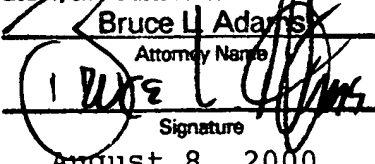
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